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The United States District Court for the Southern District of California is pleased to announce the appointment of Magistrate Judge Mitchell David Dembin to the Court. Judge Dembin will fill the position left vacant recently when Judge Anthony Battaglia was appointed as a district judge. Chief Judge Irma Gonzalez administered the oath of office to Judge Dembin on Friday, March 18, 2011.

Judge Dembin was raised in Brooklyn, New York, and graduated from the Western New England College School of Law in 1978. Formerly a prosecutor with the U.S. Attorney's Office in San Diego, Judge Dembin has a wide range of experience in criminal and civil practice, both working for the government and in the private sector, with specialized training and experience in computer and network forensics. In 1998, he founded the San Diego Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory, the first of its kind in the country. Immediately prior to his appointment to the federal bench, Judge Dembin served as the Computer Hacking and Intellectual Property crime coordinator and Identity Theft point of contact for the United States Attorney's Office.